

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of September 15, 2009. Claims 2, 4, 6, and 7 are cancelled, without prejudice. No new matter is introduced by this Amendment. With this Amendment, claims 1, 3, and 5 remain pending in the application.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner kindly indicated that "This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 2, 4, 6 and 7 directed to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on 11/05/2007." Claims 2, 4, 6, and 7 are cancelled by this Amendment. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to Issue with claims 1, 3, and 5.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, please contact Richard Gallagher, Registration No. 28,781, at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP. Mr. Gallagher can be reached at (703) 205-8008.

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